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From: Wells, Suzanne **Sent:** Tue 10/20/2015 6:06:40

Sent: Tue 10/20/2015 6:06:40 PM Subject: RE: Suggested Posting

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I spoke with Erik. I explained to him the Qs & As were already distributed by R8, and he was fine with that.

Suzanne Wells

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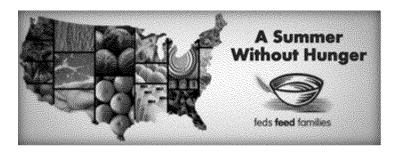
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Subject: RE: Suggested Posting

Suzanne, this looks fine to me. Terry Jeng showed me some Q & A's and had some helpful edits on those, if it's not too late. See attached. Thanks!

Erik Swenson

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From: Wells, Suzanne

Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2015 1:25 PM

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Unless Mathy's office or OGC have other issues to raise, we are fine with the following being added to the http://www2.epa.gov/goldkingmine/documents-related-gold-king-mine-release page:

On September 4, 2015, EPA's Mathy Stanislaus, Assistant Administrator of the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, EPA Region 8 Administrator Shaun McGrath and officials from EPA's Region 8 office, met with local officials and community members from San Juan County, La Plata County, Silverton, Durango and the Southern Ute Tribe. Those attending the meeting discussed long-term options for addressing mining-related impacts to water quality in the Animas River Watershed, including designating the area as a Superfund National Priorities List (NPL) site. Several follow-up questions were compiled as a result of this discussion. EPA has provided responses to these questions, many of which are specific to the Upper Animas Mining District. View Qs & As here.

General information on the Superfund process and Superfund NPL is available at:

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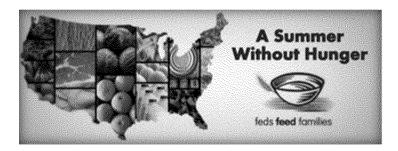
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How about this? I broke up the first sentence since it ran on and on.

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From: Card, Joan

Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2015 11:06 AM

To: Peterson, Cynthia; Wells, Suzanne; StClair, Christie; Grantham, Nancy; Miller, Johanna **Cc:** Harrison, Melissa; Stanislaus, Mathy; Natarajan, Nitin; Brooks, Becky; Woolford, James; Deitz, Randy; Smith, Paula; Miller, Johanna; McGrath, Shaun; Distefano, Nichole; Ward, W. Robert; Michaud, John; Jeng, Terry; Dreyfus, Melissa G.; Ammon, Doug; Swenson, Erik

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I suggest it say Regional Administrator Shaun McGrath, as well.

From: Peterson, Cynthia

Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2015 11:04 AM

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I filled in the blanks in the draft message below. How does this work?

Cynthia

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From: Wells, Suzanne

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Swenson, Erik

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We wanted to suggest that the top of the Qs & As say something along the following:

"EPA Responses to Questions from Silverton, CO Town Meeting

On September 4, 2015, EPA's Mathy Stanislaus, Assistant Administrator of the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, along with officials from EPA's Region 8 office and Town of

Silverton, CO elected and local officials and community members (**R8 clarify attendees) met to discuss (**add specific meeting purpose). Several follow-up questions were compiled as a result of this discussion. EPA has provided responses to these questions, many of which are specific to the Upper Animas Mining District. (hyperlink to QandAs file).

General information on the Superfund process and Superfund National Priorities List (NPL) is available at (**or we can just hyperlink the terms):

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EPA Assistant Administrator Mathy Stanislaus discusses the Superfund NPL listing process in his blog "Explaining How We Address Contaminated Sites-Learn about the Superfund National Priorities List": https://blog.epa.gov/blog/2015/10/learn-about-superfund-npl/"

Thanks to everyone for helping figure out how to handle the posting of these Qs & As.

Suzanne Wells

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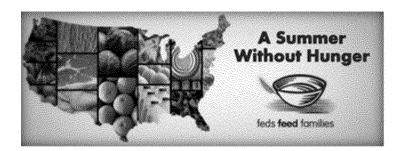
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Subject: RE: Suggested Posting

Thanks, Joan.

The copy would introduce the link on the Documents page. Here's the way we've posted previous documents: http://www2.epa.gov/goldkingmine/documents-related-gold-king-mine-release. Could Cynthia or Johanna draft a few sentences to set the context - explain why the document was created, and when it was released?

Also, the version I've seen is the internal Q&A. Did you update the headline for the public-facing document you shared with stakeholders? If so, that's the version we'd want to post.

Thanks,

Christie

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Thanks all. Please let us know what you need from Region 8. Cynthia and Johanna are copied on this chain and can help with language for the intro.

Joan Card

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Sent from my EPA iPhone

On Oct 19, 2015, at 3:30 PM, Grantham, Nancy < Grantham. Nancy@epa.gov > wrote:

I would say option 2 makes most sense .. with context setting text, including how the questions originated, put in place

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We have two options for posting:

- 1. Incorporate into the current FAQs
- o We can add these into an NPL section
- Not all q's will be appropriate for this section
- o Some q's will need to be reworded

- o All answers will need to be copy-edited
- 2. Add this as a standalone document on the Documents page
- **o** We can reference the document in the FAQs with a hyperlink
- **o** We'd need to add intro text to explain when this document was shared with the community and why it was produced

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I tend to agree with Melissa. It may be helpful to provide clarification on the NPL listing process and public involvement before posting these Qs & As. I've cc:ed Terry Jeng and Doug Ammon on this message, and we can provide some thoughts on this on Tuesday.

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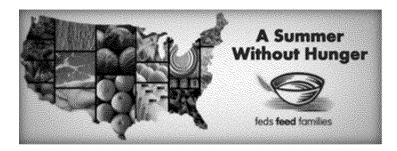
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+Nancy

I suggest adding some more context if posting on the website. I believe we have general language outlining how NPL works and public involvement.

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On Oct 19, 2015, at 10:46 AM, Card, Joan < Card. Joan@epa.gov > wrote:

Hi all. The NPL-related Qs and As have been distributed to the elected and senior officials who attended the September 4 meeting. There were a number of members of the public and some media at the meeting as well. We wanted to suggest that we post these Qs and As on the web site, for general information and transparency.

Please let us know your comments and questions.

Thanks, Joan